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Flutist Eugenia Zukerman Guest Speaker At Women's Evening Group Service

Flutist Eugenia Zukerman will be the guest speaker at the Women's Evening Group Shabbat Service, Friday, January 24 at 8:30 p.m.



This Shabbat is Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, and in celebration of this special Sabbath, emphasis will be placed on the importance of music in our lives. Ms. Zukerman, a performer of international distinction as well as an author and television personality, will speak from the *bimah* and then join the congregation at the Oneg

Zukerman: (Continued on page 6, column 1)

**Have you reserved a place
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at the Men's Club Breakfast
Sunday, January 12
at 10 a.m.???**

**Special guest speaker:
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Editor's Note:

In this Winter, 1986 issue of the *BULLETIN* are described those activities and events which take place in the synagogue during the months of January and February.

The next issue of the *BULLETIN* is the March, 1986 issue, which will be mailed to the congregation at the end of February.

New Prayer Book Ready For Congregational Use

The Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America recently published a new prayer book for Shabbat, festivals and weekdays. Under the editorship of Rabbi Jules Harlow, this new edition of the prayer book took the Publications Committee twelve years to complete. A formidable task, this edition of the *siddur* is the most comprehensive of all the editions to be published within the Conservative movement. It includes prayers for occasions at home as well as for all services in the synagogue, except the High Holy Days. It also incorporates a rabbinic text, *Pirkei Avot*, for study. Much attention was given to the quality of the English translation and to the aesthetic quality of the overall design.

This prayer book recognizes the reality of the two historic events of our times: the Holocaust and the State of Israel. It is aware of the recent changes in the status of women and the prayers reflect the equality of women in the service. Alternate prayers are offered in response to requests for variety. And while modifications and additions have been introduced in the Hebrew text, these are usually based on prayer books of previous generations, often on the *siddur* of Rav Saadiah Gaon, who lived in Egypt in the 10th century.

An introduction explains themes and structure in Jewish prayer while the last part of the book includes adaptations of the Biblical scrolls read

Prayer Book: (Continued on page 5, column 2)



Sisterhood invites the congregation
and community to hear

The Honorable
EDWARD I. KOCH

Mayor of the City of New York
speak at Park Avenue Synagogue
on Tuesday, March 18, 1986
at 8 p.m.

Dr. Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi To Deliver Tager Lectures At Shabbaton

Dr. Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, Professor Of Jewish History, Culture and Society and Director of the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University, will be the Scholar-In-Residence at the Shabbaton, January 17 - 18, 1986.



Dr. Yerushalmi's scholarly interests range through medieval and modern times, with special emphasis on the history of Spanish and Portuguese Jewry both before and after the Expulsion. To this end he has engaged in extensive research in the archives of the Inquisition of Portugal, Spain and Italy. In addition to numerous monographs, he is the author of *From Spanish Court to Italian Ghetto*, *Haggadah and History*, *The Lisbon Massacre of 1506*, and most recently, *Zakhor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory*, which won the 1983 National Jewish Book Award for History.

At the Shabbaton, Dr. Yerushalmi will deliver two lectures under the general title: Spanish Jewry-Patterns of Jewish Identity. The first lecture, presented after dinner Friday night, will concern itself with "Underground Judaism-The Religion of the Marranos". The second lecture, delivered on Saturday afternoon, will be on "Spain from the Early Nineteenth Century to Today". Through an examination of two different aspects of Jewish experience, Dr. Yerushalmi will explore these experiences in the light of recurring themes and patterns in Jewish life.

Dr. Yerushalmi's participation in the Shabbaton is made possible by the Dorothy Tager Education Fund which sponsors the Dorothy Tager Lectures as a living memorial to Dorothy Tager who was an active participant in the Adult Education

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A Downer And An Upper

During this past month I have had an experience which caused me great pain and anguish and another which produced an over-all feeling of near euphoria. The first was the nine and one-half hours of watching and listening to survivors and perpetrators tell of their Holocaust experiences in the film *SHOAH*. This was an experience in which we absorbed slowly and painfully, layer upon layer, the stories, anecdotes and remembrances of those who, somehow and by some miracle, escaped from those factories of death, the concentration camps. Skillfully interviewed by Claude Lanzmann who helped stir their memories, the stories spill forth like dead embers from a conflagration; but alas, the embers still burn with the heat that spread over the continent of Europe with demonic ferocity. We listen, still scarcely believing that the human species with all its glory and achievement could sink to such sadism and cruelty. We are saddened by the lack of remorse of the Germans in charge of those infamous camps, who relate in a steady and composed manner the grim details of the vast undertaking known as genocide. We wince when we listen to Poles, still living today in the same villages and towns, speak of their late Jewish neighbors in hateful terms, describing how the Jews went to Treblinka carrying suitcases with false bottoms in which gold was hidden! We are sobered and downcast as we leave the theater wondering if this is the true nature of our human species.

During the same period of time I read *A CERTAIN PEOPLE* by Charles Silberman and was cheered and uplifted by his optimistic report on the condition of our American Jewish community. It is his view that this community is in the best of health, that it has made enormous strides in status, in importance, in achievement and in religious parity. He bases his views on many sociological studies which bear out his conten-

tions. Perhaps his picture is a bit rosy and errs slightly on the side of optimism. But it is heartening to read about the progress we have made in the professions, in industry, in the arts, in the academic world; but most of all, it was good to read about young American Jews who are not only proud of their heritage, but also are looking for new ways and new forms through which they can express themselves Jewishly.

So we have our downers and our uppers. But isn't this the story of our people from the beginning? Persecution followed by freedom, war leading to peace, oppression resulting in independence and despair culminating in hope.

Let us not be lulled by false hopes and let us always be on guard to protect ourselves against our enemies. But at the same time, let us be buoyed by the great opportunities which are ours to grasp.

—Judah Nadich

**Schedule of Religious Services
For January**

Friday evening, January 3 6:15 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE

conducted by Grade Hay

Saturday morning, January 4 9:15 a.m.

Friday evening, January 10 6:15 p.m.

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles "Our Own Service" — 8:30 p.m.

followed by "Our Own Oneg Shabbat"

Saturday morning, January 11 9:15 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Peter Kozodoy

son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Kozodoy

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SHABBATON SHABBAT

Professor Yosef H. Yerushalmi, Scholar-In-Residence

Friday evening, January 17 6:15 p.m.

Shabbaton Shabbat Dinner

by advance reservation only

Dorothy Tager Lecture delivered by Professor Yerushalmi

Saturday morning, January 18 9:15 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Evan Besen

son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Besen

Shabbaton Luncheon

by advance reservation only

Dorothy Tager Lecture delivered by Professor Yerushalmi

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Friday night, January 24 8:30 p.m.

Women's Evening Group Sabbath

Eugenia Zukerman, Flutist, guest speaker

Oneg Shabbat follows service

Saturday morning, January 25 9:15 a.m.

Friday evening, January 31 6:15 p.m.

Saturday morning, February 1 9:15 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Philip Neuwirth

son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Neuwirth

Rabbis Judah Nadich and Harlan J. Wechsler will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz, Assistant Cantor Mark Kula and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting available for children ages 18 months to 7 years on the Fifth Floor, every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 Noon.

**Learn All About Camp Ramah
At Open House January 15**

Everything you want to know is yours for the asking at the Open House All About Camp Ramah, Wednesday, January 15, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Davidson, 1120 Park Avenue (at 90th St.), beginning at 8 p.m.

For boys and girls, ages 10-17, with a minimum of two years of Hebrew School, the Ramah experience is, without qualification, the BEST in summer camping.

Present at the Open House will be the director of the camp. Slides will be shown and questions answered. Interested in learning more? Then call the Davidsons and let them know to expect you: 289-7771.

Schedule of Religious Services For February

Friday evening, February 7	6:15 p.m.
FAMILY SERVICE with participation of students of Grade Bet	
Saturday morning, February 8	9:15 a.m.
Friday evening, February 14	6:15 p.m.
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles "Our Own Service" — 8:30 p.m. followed by "Our Own Oneg Shabbat"	
Saturday morning, February 15	9:15 a.m.
Friday evening, February 21	6:15 p.m.
Congregational Shabbat Dinner by advance reservation only	
Saturday morning, February 22	9:15 a.m.
Friday night, February 28	8:30 p.m.
Young Couples League Sabbath Guest Speaker to be announced	
Saturday morning, March 1	9:15 a.m.

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Halley's Comet Known In Talmud

Almost everything has a Jewish angle even Halley's Comet now making its appearance in our skies.

It was not discovered by Edmond Halley, the British astronomer and colleague of Isaac Newton 200 years ago. A comet which appears every 70 years is mentioned in the Talmud.

On page 10a of the Tractate Horayot, the story is told of Rabbi Gamaliel and Rabbi Joshua who were travelling on a ship to Rome in the year 95. The journey took much longer than it should because the sailors made mistakes in navigation. Rabbi Gamaliel had taken with him only bread, but Rabbi Joshua had brought a reserve supply of flour. The delay in the journey exhausted the stock of bread and Rabbi Gamaliel depended on the flour of Rabbi Joshua.

"Did you know", Rabbi Gamaliel asked his colleague, "that we should be so much delayed that you brought flour with you?"

Rabbi Joshua answered, "A certain star rises once in 70 years and leads the sailors astray — they steer their course by the stars — and I suspected that it might rise and lead us astray."

Will wonders never cease?

Volunteers Sought For The Minyan Bank

From time to time, when members of our congregation suffer the loss of a loved one, they desire to have a *minyan* present in their home for a daily service during the period of *shivah*. Frequently they find it impossible to gather the necessary quorum of ten men and women from among the members of their family or friends and they then turn to the synagogue to ask for help.

Therefore, in response to this need, a Minyan Bank is being organized. The Minyan Bank consists of men and women who, when called upon to perform the *mitzvah* of attending a service in the home of a member who has lost a loved one, will be prepared to attend such a service.

The following persons have already volunteered to join the Minyan Bank: Daniel Bernstein, Susan Engel, Roger Ferszt, Irving Friedman, Leon Heller, Richard Markowitz, Julian Myers, Martin J. Milston, Jocke Stevenson, Dr. Michael Stowe and Miriam Wallerstein.

If you would like to perform the *mitzvah* of helping to form a *minyan* under such circumstances, please call Rabbi Nadich's secretary at 369-2600.

All About Tu Bishevat

Tu Bishevat, the New Year for Trees, begins at sundown, Friday, January 24 and concludes at sundown Saturday, January 25.

The rabbis of the Talmud speak of the New Year for Trees. According to the School of Shammai it was to be celebrated on the first day of the Hebrew month Shevat, but the School of Hillel said that it was to be observed on the 15th day of the month of Shevat. It was the decision of the School of Hillel that was accepted popularly and since the days of the first century of the Common era, the 15th day of the month of Shevat has been celebrated as the New Year for Trees.

This minor holiday is also called Hamishah Asar be-Shevat, which means the 15th day of Shevat. It is also called Tu be-Shevat, the Hebrew letters *Tet* and *Vav* standing for the number 15 and the two letters together are popularly pronounced, "Tu".

No special liturgy or festivity is described for the day and its observance consists simply in the omission of the Tahanun prayer from the daily service and in the eating of those fruits that grow in Israel, such as figs, dates, carob, etc. The eating of these fruits as a symbol was not practiced, however, until the 16th century. It is probably that trees were once actually planted on this day in ancient times and that therefore this new year's day was merely a fixed day in the agricultural calendar. When the Jews subsequently were compelled to give up agriculture, the observance became symbolic.

However, in Israel today, the ancient practice has been revived and school children and others plant trees on this day. In our Religious School, the children plant trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

Carol Leimas Speaker At Sisterhood Open Meeting

Mrs. Carol C. Leimas, a consultant on international women's issues, United Nations affairs, United States foreign policy and women's rights and organizations, will be the guest speaker at the January Open Meeting of Sisterhood, on Tuesday, January 21, beginning at 1 p.m.

In this past year, Mrs. Leimas has arranged conferences for the American Association of University Women, the New York City Commission on the Status of Women and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

She will address the issue of "Pluses and Minuses For Women Around The World" at the Sisterhood Open Meeting.

There will be a question and answer period and refreshments will be served. Plan now to attend this thought provoking afternoon meeting.

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January 6

Hebrew Language Courses

Daytime courses on all levels with Mrs. Vivian Finkel.

January 14

Nine Tuesday afternoons
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The First Year of Life

An infant development course for mothers and their babies.
Mrs. Carol Schapiro Kekst.

January 15

Nine Wednesday afternoons
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Mothers and Their One Year Olds

A playgroup for children 12 to 24 months of age at which mothers discuss child development.
Mrs. Carol Schapiro Kekst.

January 15

Five Wednesday evenings
8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Judaism and Christianity

An exploration of what is similar/dissimilar in these two ancient traditions.
Dr. Neil Gillman.

January 17

Friday evening and
Saturday

The Shabbaton

"Spanish Jewry: Patterns of Jewish Identity"
The Dorothy Tager Lectures 1985
Two Lectures by Scholar-In-Residence,
Dr. Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi.

January 20

Ten Monday evenings
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Synagogue Hebrew

A course in reading the standard prayers for those who already know the Hebrew alphabet.
Rabbi Michael Schorin.

February 4

Four Tuesdays
12 Noon to 1:40 p.m.

Lunch 'N' Study: Psalms

A careful examination of six familiar psalms, often recited but seldom understood.
Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler.

February 4

Two Tuesday evenings
8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Names, Sounds and Places in Jewish Music

An illustrated lecture-concert designed to give students a perspective on where Jewish music came from and how it developed.
Cantor David Lefkowitz, accompanied by Neil Robinson at the organ with the Synagogue Choir.

February 19

Five Wednesday evenings
8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Martin Buber

An examination of the impact of this influential Jewish thinker on the Jewish and non-Jewish world of philosophical thought.
Dr. Neil Gillman.

March 4

Six Tuesday evenings
8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Parents & Children

A workshop on communications skills for parents. Co-sponsored with Parents Association
Ms. Nancy Samalin.

March 26

Three Wednesday evenings
8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Koheleth On The Couch

A psychological analysis of the Book of Ecclesiastes.
Dr. Samuel C. Klagsbrun.

Advanced registration desirable. Please consult the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies brochure for information and tuition fees. For a brochure, please call Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler's Office, 369-2600, ext. 110.

Shabbat Dinner Committee Invites Everyone To Dinners

The Shabbat Dinner Committee, chaired by Nancy Treiger and Miriam Wallerstein, wants *everyone* to catch the joy of Shabbat. As members of the congregation sit down to eat Friday night dinner together once a month, words such as 'warm and wonderful', 'joyous and joyful' spring to mind.

On Friday night, January 17, the Shabbat Dinner Committee joins with the Shabbaton Committee in arranging the Friday night meal, after which Scholar-In-Residence, Dr. Yosef H. Yerushalmi will deliver the first of two Dorothy Tager Lectures. The committee has also accepted the responsibility of providing the Shabbaton lunch on Saturday after Shabbat morning services.

And in February, on Friday, February 21 the fourth Friday night dinner of the season will be held.

Reservations are a **MUST** if you wish to attend either of these dinners and/or the Shabbat Lunch. A reservation card is mailed to the congregation monthly and it is this card which the committee asks you to return. If you no longer have a card, please call the Synagogue Office to make your reservations.

The Return of Club 87 Wednesday, February 12

Help spread the word! Back by popular demand!! The Club 87 Coffee House!!! Once again, and in response to the unprecedented demand, Club 87 will again reopen its monthly Coffee House for Jewish singles, ages 21-31, beginning on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:15 p.m.

For the short time the Coffee House has been closed, it was learned that this Coffee House is a much wanted activity among the young Jewish singles living in our neighborhood and beyond. For it is at the Coffee House that young Jewish men and women, beginning their careers in the city, can meet and get to know one another in an atmosphere conducive to encouraging friendly encounters. In fact, Rabbi Nadich can vouch for the fact that marriages have been known to occur!

Do you have a young Jewish single living with you or near you? Do you know of one, or two, or perhaps three Jewish singles who might enjoy coming to the Coffee House? Well then, spread the word.

The opening night debut of the new Coffee House is Wednesday, February 12. See that the Jewish singles you know, know that they are most welcome.

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Winter Activities Of Women's Evening Group

A bouquet of experiences is offered by the Women's Evening Group to its members and friends this winter.

On Tuesday, January 7, members are invited to attend a docent led tour of the Montparnasse Show at the Jewish Museum, followed by supper at a member's home nearby. This is a "For Members Only" event and costs \$18 per person. Non-members interested in attending may join the Women's Evening Group by paying annual dues of \$25.

Eugenia Zukerman is the guest speaker at the Women's Evening Group annual Shabbat Service, Friday evening, January 24, beginning at 8:30 p.m. This is Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, and the Women's Evening Group is planning to celebrate the occasion by presenting a service and speaker which highlights the importance of music in our lives. The congregation and friends are cordially invited to attend this service and the Oneg Shabbat which follows.

Continuing its examination of "Burning Issues" of our times, the Women's Evening Group has invited Rabbi Harlan Wechsler to lead a discussion on homosexuality on Monday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. As with all issues of contemporary concern, our tradition has much to say on this "burning issue" and it is in this context that Rabbi Wechsler will discuss the ramifications of homosexuality with us. Plan now to attend this provocative discussion and bring your friends. Refreshments will be served.

Please, Keep Us Posted!

The College Liaison Committee needs our help if it is to function successfully. The response to its appeal to the congregation last fall for the names and addresses of college and graduate students has not produced the expected number of responses.

Won't you take a moment, now and send in the name(s) and address(es) of your college and graduate student(s) so that they may receive holiday goodies at holiday time?

The list is compiled anew every fall, so even if you submitted names in the past, please do so again.

You may send your names to the Synagogue, c/o College Liaison Committee, 50 East 87th St., New York, N. Y. 10128.

For Your Information:

THE SHERR LECTURE Tuesday, April 1, 1986

will be delivered by
ELIE WIESEL

Young Couples League Planning Two Events This Winter

The Young Couples League invites the congregation to join them for two events, one in January and one in February, which they are planning for their membership and for members of the congregation.

On Thursday, January 23, beginning at 8 p.m., a discussion on "Congress and Israel: What's Ahead in 1986" will be led by Ms. Amy Goldberg, New York Regional Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). She will preview the likely congressional agenda as it relates to Israel and the administrations's positions on foreign aid, sale of United States military equipment to Jordan and the Middle East Peace Talks.

On Friday, February 28, the Young Couples League invites the congregation to join them at their annual Shabbat Service, which will begin at 8:30 p.m., with an Oneg Shabbat following the service. Watch for the announcement of the special guest speaker who has been invited to address the congregation on that evening.

Whether it be politics or religion, the Young Couples League has a program to chase the winter blues away.

Join them!

Prayer Book

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in the synagogue during the festivals, as well as attractive and meaningful responsive readings.

The Ritual Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue has recommended the adoption of this latest Conservative prayerbook, the title of which is *Sim Shalom*. Rabbi Judah Nadich, Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler and Cantor David Lefkowitz have endorsed it and the officers of the synagogue have accepted the recommendation of the Ritual Committee. The first edition, however, has been sold out because of the rush of orders from Conservative congregations throughout the United States and Canada. A second printing will be ready in the spring.

Members of the congregation are invited to contribute to the fund for the purchase of the new prayer books. Each book is available for dedication "in honor of" or "in memory of" at a cost of \$25 a book. A special bookplate will be inserted at the front of each prayer book indicating the donor's name and the name of the person(s) so designed.

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Book Discussion Group To Meet January 13

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will take place in the Rothschild Library on Monday, January 13 at 8 p.m.

The issue under discussion will be "Americans in the Holocaust: What They Knew and What They Did/Did Not Do".

Please read one of the following three books: David Wyman, *Abandonment of the Jews*; Deborah Lipstadt, *Beyond Belief*; Haskel Lookstein, *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers?*

These three books are available for circulation in the Rothschild Library or for sale in your favorite book store.

Upcoming Singles Events At Park Avenue Synagogue

The Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Group, for Jewish singles age 31 — 50, invites its members and friends to attend its monthly "Our Own Service" followed by "Our Own Oneg Shabbat". In January, the service takes place on Friday, January 10 at 8:30 p.m. and in February, the service takes place on Friday, February 14 at 8:30 p.m.

As is the custom at these services, a special guest speaker will address a critical subject.

Also, in the month of February, the group is planning to hold a Sunday Brunch on Sunday, February 23 at 12 Noon. Over bagels and coffee, a guest speaker will share insights into the chosen topic of the day.

Plan now to attend these events for singles at the synagogue, — and tell your friends about them, too.

Shabbaton

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Program at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Please make your reservations *early* as space is limited. The Shabbaton is open to members of the congregation, family and friends. But space is limited and so act today to avoid disappointment.

Alan Levine and Hindy Kisch are co-chairpersons of the Shabbaton.

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Zukerman

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Shabbat following the service, being available to meet informally with the congregation and to answer questions at that time.

She has been characterized as "an amazing Renaissance woman of the music world" and appears regularly with orchestras, in solo and duo recitals and chamber music ensembles.

Ms. Zukerman's major orchestral appearances have been with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Minnesota Orchestra, the National Symphony, the English Chamber Orchestra, the Israel Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic. Festival appearances have included performances at the Aspen Music Festival, Tanglewood, Ravinia, Mostly Mozart, Spoleto (Italy) Festival, London's South Bank Festival, the Edinburgh Festival and Yehudi Menuhin's Gstaad (Switzerland) Festival.

She is the television commentator on the arts for CBS SUNDAY MORNING with Charles Kuralt and has appeared on a variety of other television programs. As a writer, Ms. Zukerman has been published in many periodicals including the New York Times, Esquire and Vogue Magazine. Her first novel, *Deceptive Cadence*, was published by Viking in 1981. Her first screenplay has been purchased by 20th Century Fox and she is currently under contract with Universal Pictures to write a screenplay for Sally Field.

A prolific recording artist, she records on CBS Masterworks, Pro Arte and Vox Cum Laude. Her most recent recording is with Anthony Newman: J.S. Bach's Six Sonatas for Flute and Keyboard on the Vox Cum Laude label.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Ms. Zukerman began her flute training with Carl Bergner of the Hartford Symphony. She also studied with Albert Tipton at the Aspen Music Festival and continued her studies under Flutist Julius Baker. Having entered Barnard College as an English major, Ms. Zukerman soon transferred to the Juilliard School. In 1971 she won the Young Concert Artists Award and made her formal New York debut to rave reviews.

CONTRIBUTIONS

are now being accepted for the new Prayer Book Fund for the purchase of the new edition of the Rabbinical Assembly-United Synagogue prayer book, *Sim Shalom*. Book plates, carrying the name of the donor and of those in whose honor or memory the *siddur* is given, will be inserted in the front of the book.

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Laudatory Review of Book By Rabbi Nadich

Editor's Note: The following review by Susan Frank appeared in the Winter 1985 issue of *Raayonot*, Philadelphia, Vol.5, No.1

I do not know how we have managed this long without Judah Nadich's *Jewish Legends of the Second Commonwealth*. We depend so on Louis Ginsberg's *Legends of the Jews* which presents rabbinic lore on biblical characters and themes. It seems natural for something next to it on the reference shelf to answer questions on "post-biblical" concerns: What tales are told of Honi the Circle Drawer, Drawer of Water? What sense did the rabbis make of their nation's subjugation by a series of pagan empires? Now there is a book to put in that place and a place to turn with this sort of question.

Nadich describes for his work a chronological area extending from the return of Babylonian exiles with Ezra late in the sixth century B.C.E. to the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. Across this time woof he has worked a synchronic warp of topics and personalities. Hillel's name, for example crops up early and late in legends Nadich arrays along his timeline, now in the context of a remark about Ezra, now in an anthology of stories focusing on the Temple, later in a chapter devoted to Hillel himself, and later still in tales of his disciples. A story about the location of the lost Ark of the Covenant appears in the material about the Second Temple and reappears in the biographical chapters on Rabban Gamliel and Rabbi Hanina. Echoes like these occur frequently in the book, the logical outcome of Nadich's filing system, which placed motifs in all the sites they seemed relevant. It may be just an artifact of this system, but the reader gets a sense of the long generations of Jews existing, in some way, simultaneously. Past and present swirl together.

Nadich has created a continuous narrative of legends culled from Talmudic and midrashic sources. But while he has imposed his own organizational principle on them and has edited or conflated stories as he saw fit, he sticks to a clean English rendition of his texts. The tales follow one upon another connected by such unobtrusive transitions as "Once" or "It happened that" or "So-and-so said". Each unit of lore is linked to a footnote which provides at least the original source and often a summary of scholarly debates or information on some issue excited by the text. I found Nadich's regard for Christian lore especially gratifying. In his treatment of the story of Tobit, for example, Nadich discovers that medieval Christians regarded Tobias and Sarah, not Abraham and Sarah, as the ideal married pair. For one thing, the angel Raphael intervened to save Tobias and his bride from a deadly spirit. For another, at least according to the Vulgate version of the story, the couple did not consummate their union until after they had spent three nights praying.

Jewish Legends is compact and corrals its

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Notes From The Library

At Book Fair 5746, visitors had an opportunity to donate books to the Rothschild Library. The Library thanks:

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Donors were able to choose the books they wished to donate. Bookplates will be placed in each book, designating the donor and the occasion for the donation. The Library continues to accept contributions of this kind. If you should wish to donate a book to the Library, please call the librarian Susan Vogelstein, Mondays through Thursdays, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

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New book arrivals continue to be placed on the shelves. Most recent additions are:

For Adults:

Baron, A Treasury of Jewish Quotations

Diamant, The New Jewish Wedding

Friesem, Fruits of the Earth — Recipes

From Israel

Hilberg, The Destruction of the Europe

Jews — Revised Edition

Karetzky, The Media's War Against Israel

Kirschner, Rabbinic Responsa of the Holocaust

Leitner, Saving the Fragments

Leviant, From the Fair — The Autobiography of Sholom Aleichem

Lookstein, Were We Our Brothers'

Keepers?

Mayer, Love and Tradition

Nash, Kosher Cuisine

Panger, The Mask of Abraham

Morgenstein

Peters, Manny and Rose

Reinharz, Chaim Weizmann

Ribalow, The Jew In American Sports — Revised Edition

Shapolsky, The Jewish Trivia and Information Book

Sobel, Jewish Sea Stories

The Metsudah Siddur

Volk, The Yellow Banana

And For Children:

Atlas, It's Me

Bernbaum, My Brother's Keeper

Burstein, Hanukkah Cat

Chaikin, Make Noise — Make Merry,

The Story and Meaning of Purim

Cohen, Here Come the Purim Players

Cushnir, The Secret Spinner

Genet, Ta-Poo-Ach Means Apple

Groner, My Very Own Jewish Calendar

Muchnik, Leah and Leibel's Lighthouse

Phillips, The Sign in Mendel's Window

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materials handily. Nadich has furnished divided indexes so that a reader can mine the collection from the angle of "Subject" or "Names and Places" or "Passages Cited". There is a rich bibliography. The work is stratified in such a way that different types of users will find it easy to exploit. Nadich's introduction includes a guide to the traditional literature from which he draws and a ten-page summary of the peg-points of Second Commonwealth history. Students and teachers of the period should keep these in mind when they want neat, comprehensive reviews. A good third of the book is filled with the generous notes which, however, never intrude on the narrative text. Notes are grouped at the end of each large division of the book, and the indexes indicate references to these notes with an italic "n" so the reader can decide how deeply to pursue a topic.

One would not ordinarily read a book like this from cover to cover, as I did to review it, but the read has its special rewards. As I read, I found several types of humor cropping up. Not only did the rabbis preserve a series of obnoxious and somewhat obtuse ethnic jokes told at Jews' expense by "those who sit in theaters and circuses" (see p. 313), they also kept alive some charming material. There is a Paul Bunyan flavor to the stories of how far sounds and smells traveled from Temple Mount. People in Jericho could hear the Great Gate of the Temple being opened. The women of Jericho wanted no perfume because the Temple incense so filled the air. And Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa had a way with venomous reptiles. They bit him and they died, giving rise to the saying, "Woe to the man who meets a poisonous lizard and woe to the lizard who meets Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa!" There also seems to be a set of "Gebihah" jokes in which a humpback Jew turns aside ugly threats with good-natured jests.

Now that we have it, get this book. You will browse in it, refer to it and teach from it. The volume itself is handsomely presented in its grey embossed cover and sea-green end-papers. It's pretty and it works.

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Dr. M. Leon Canick, who was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Nassau Physician and Dentist Division of the UJA/Federation Campaign.

Connie Cohen, whose most recent photographs of Paris can be seen in an exhibition on the second floor of the Yorkville Branch of Citibank, 123 East 86 St. This exhibition will run through mid-January and will be followed by an exhibition of Ms. Cohen's photographs of Scotland.

Dennis Karr, who was elected 1986 chairman of the Young Men's/Young Women's Real Estate Association of New York.

Dr. Mathilde Krim, who has established a new foundation, the AIDS Medical Foundation, which will explore all aspects of AIDS research. The foundation is located in Suite 1266 of 230 Park Avenue here in New York City.

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Ridberg, Four Hebrew Tales Retold
[individual booklets]

Segal, Joshua's Dream

Sendak, In Grandpa's House

Zakon, The Cohens of Tzefat

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It's Chanukah!

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Shai's Shabbat Walk

Where Is The Afikomen?

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Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

To the family of the late **Eleanor Hillman**.

Mrs. Ruth Kaplan, upon the death of her brother, Judge Archie Gorfinkel.

Mr. Jeffrey A. Lowin, upon the death of his father, Maurice Lowin.

Mr. Donald Sussman, upon the death of his father, Samuel Sussman.

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May 11, 1986

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